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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hard, Robert A.
Serial No.: 08/623,852
For: **Process for Recovering Metal Values
by Dissolving Them in a Sulfuric Acid
Solution Containing a Carbon Source and
a Reducing Agent**
Filed: March 26, 1996
Examiner: Bos, S.
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37 CFR 1.116 AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2003. A Notice of Appeal was filed March 2, 2004, and a 37 CFR 1.136 Request for Extension of Time, is filed herewith such that the present response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth below in order to place the application in condition for allowance:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.